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## Brian Center to open this Spring

HERTFORD, NC—Brian Center Nursing Care of Hertford is swiftly moving toward completing and offering of services.

The new 78-bed nursing facility will have 39 skilled care and 39 intermediate care nursing beds to provide the most modern, up-to-date nursing services for Gates and Perquimans Counties.

Around-the-clock professional nursing services will be provided by a staff of approximately 70 full-and part-time employees, most of whom the Center anticipates hiring from the local workforce. The Center will be hiring nurses, aides, orderlies, office staff, and housekeeping, maintenance, and dietary personnel.

A full-time Activities and Social Director will provide programs to keep the residents involved in facility and public activities. Therapy programs will assist residents who need rehabilitation services, with the goal of having residents return home whenever possible.

Jack Russell, regional administrator for Brian Center Management Corporation states, "The Center will be working with Department of Social Services, local physicians, and other agencies for referral of residents. We are looking forward to being a vital part of the Hertford community and working with the people in the surrounding area."

Brian Center whose management offices are located in Hickory, N.C., has been providing quality nursing care for 15 years. Brian Center operates facilities across the state and the East Coast. Brian Center has a quality assurance staff composed of nurses, dieticians, therapists and social-activity workers to assist in maintaining compliance with all federal, state, and local nursing home regulations. Brian Center also has financial and accounting, development, acquisitions, and operations staff to support the work of its nursing centers. The corporation also has several retirement apartment projects.

Brian Center Nursing Care of Hertford, the newest facility in the Brian Center organization, will provide a complete range of professional medical services along with social, activity, and therapy services. The Center will also need and welcome volunteers to share time and talents with residents.

Individuals with specific questions regarding the potential placement of a loved one or those individuals who desire to apply for employment at Brian Center-Hertford may send their inquiries to Mr. Jack Russell, Brian Center Regional Administrator, Post Office Drawer 1928, Ashboro, NC 27203.



photo by Gina Jepsen

## Improving the landscape!

Pictured above are members of the senior Agriculture III class at Perquimans High School as they landscape the Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Building in Hertford. All the members of the Agriculture class had lessons in landscaping from Perquimans County Extension Director, Stan

Winslow before beginning this job. The young men followed a landscaping plan which was developed by the extension service in Raleigh. Pictured left to right are: Wayne Bass, Kenneth Chaulk, and Tracy Ferebee. All three young men are seniors.

## Manager elected to state position

The manager of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, Hertford, has been elected president of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC).

Dorris B. White of Hertford, who has been manager of the co-op since 1983, was elected to the post during the 1987 Annual Meeting of North Carolina's statewide EMC organization in Raleigh.

NCAEC operates as a full service trade association representing the state's 28 EMCs. It is headquartered in Raleigh, along with two sister corporations which provide other services to the member cooperatives.

Mrs. White, a veteran of 41 years as a co-op employee, had served as vice president and secretary-treasurer of NCAEC before her election to the top leadership post.

## Convention set for April 4th

The Perquimans County Democratic Convention will be held on Saturday, April 4, at 1:00 p.m., County Chairman London announced today. The Convention will be held at the Perquimans County Courthouse, London said.

At the top of the Convention's agenda will be the election of a new County Democratic Chairman and County Executive Committee. Also,

County's members on the State Democratic Executive Committee will also be chosen.

"The County Conventions are important for all Democrats in North Carolina," Chairman London noted. "With Democrats from each county choosing Party leaders and looking to the future, we will have a strong Party organization ready for victory in 1988."

## Governor names three to board of education

RALEIGH—Governor Jim Martin has nominated three new members for appointment to the State Board of Education. Howard H. Haworth of Morganton will replace Theda Moore representing the 7th educational district; William C. Meekins, Jr. of Elizabeth City will replace Betty Speir representing the 1st educational district; and Patricia H. Neal of Durham will replace Elmer Wilkins as an at-large member. If approved by the General Assembly, all three appointees, who are Republican, will serve until March 31, 1995.

"The quality education of our North Carolina citizens is a priority of my administration," Governor Martin said in announcing his appointments. "I believe that these individuals have the character, talent, and experience necessary to oversee the progress of education in our state and provide a future of quality education as a challenge, that she usually conquers with great success. Chris enjoys entertaining, and is a wiz at pastries and heavy hors d'oeuvres which she often features when she entertains. Chris along with Pat Storie and Nan Noble recently demonstrated their success with food at the 1987 Chowan Hospital Ball where 316 feasted on heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert prepared by the trio. At the upcoming Local Chef's Spectacular Chris will demonstrate Pate' A Choux or puffed pastries, with meat and dessert fillings.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree in history from Guilford College, Haworth, 52, attended the Planning and Financial Control Program at Columbia University and the Advanced Management and Science Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served as president and chief executive officer of Drexel Heritage Furnishings, Inc. from 1972-1983, and chairman of the board from 1983-1985. In January, 1985, he was appointed Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce by Governor Jim Martin and remained in that position until January, 1987.

Meekins, 59, is community relations manager with Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. A graduate of Georgia Military Academy in College Park, Georgia, Meekins continued his education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Asheville Biltmore College.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, he joined the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1950 and moved to the Norfolk Carolina Telephone Company in 1954. He has been employed with Carolina Telephone and Telegraph since 1978.

Currently president of the Downtown Business Association in Elizabeth City, Meekins is past president of the Albemarle Area Development Association, past president of the Elizabeth City Junior Chamber of Commerce, member of the board of advisors of Chowan College, director of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow and Skills, Inc., and chairman of the advertising committee for the Currituck Wildlife Festival. He is also a member of the Rotary Club,

## Johnson talks to local students

Life is full of choices! That was the message that Ken Johnson, a retired pro-football player, and former defensive end for the Cincinnati Bengals brought to the students of Perquimans Union School, along with the sixth graders from Hertford Grammar School. Johnson was on hand to speak to the students on drug and alcohol abuse.

Johnson shared his personal experiences involving football, and drug and alcohol abuse. Johnson stated that during his pro-career he saw many instances of drug and alcohol abuse among his fellow players, and since his retirement he has spent his life working to educate kids on this issue.

He told the students that they all have different gifts and talents, and that it is important that they work to

develop those gifts and talents. "Drugs and alcohol keep us from developing those gifts and talents," said Johnson. "Young people who mess with drugs and alcohol are destroying their lives."

Johnson added that the key to a person is what's on the inside, not what's on the outside.

When he was in college Johnson stated he had experimented with drugs, due to peer pressure, and to feelings that he wanted to be part of the in crowd. Johnson played basketball at Indiana University, but stated that after his experience with drugs and alcohol he ended disappointed, and lost his basketball career. He added that the drugs had taken away his talent, and robbed him of his desire to play ball.

Johnson stated that only his per-



photo by Anzie Wood

## A sure sign of Spring!

Pictured above are daffodils a sure sign that Spring has come. Daffodils can be seen throughout the county in full bloom.

Ward Foundation, Audubon Society, N.C. Wildlife, and Ducks Unlimited.

Neal, 52, is a residential real estate broker with Allenton Realtors in Durham. She attended Duke University from 1953-1956 and received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from American University in 1959. She obtained her real estate degree from the University of North Carolina in 1977, attended the Graduate Realtors Institute in 1978, and became a certified residential specialist in 1984.

Eleven members of the board are appointed by the governor, with the lieutenant governor and state treasurer serving as ex-officio members. The superintendent of public instruction also serves as an ex-officio, through non-voting, member. Appointees serve 8-year terms on the board.



sonal relationship with God turned him around. He stated that after turning back to God he was offered the opportunity to play professional football. He went on to say that he learned that God has a plan for our lives, and gave him the power to say no to drugs and alcohol.

Johnson talked briefly about the number of athletes who have died from drug overdoses recently including Len Bias and Don Roberts.

He told the kids that those players had everything to gain, but they made some wrong decisions.

Johnson closed the program by saying that young people aren't an accident, and that the choice is up to them.

Johnson is a member of Sports-world Ministries, Inc., and travels all over the country talking with groups of young people on this issue. He makes his home in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Jaycees host meeting

The Perquimans County Jaycees hosted a district meeting on Saturday, March 21, 1987 for all Coastal Region Jaycees.

The event was held at the Hertford Lion's Club and included Speak-up and Write-up Competitions, a regional president's meeting, campaign speeches for state level Jaycee offices by candidates who were present, a regional meeting, and a barbecue dinner which was prepared by the local jaycees.

Approximately 60 jaycees from as far away as Brevard, North Carolina were on hand for the event as well as special guests including past members of the Perquimans County Jaycees.

Mr. Glen Daily, current State President of the N.C. Jaycees was the guest speaker for the district meeting. Daily thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and stated that the future of N.C. Jaycees lies in the hands of the local chapters. He also congratulated the local chapters in the coastal region for all their efforts and success in their many projects. Some of the State Vice Presidents were also on hand Saturday evening. They reported that as the Jaycees

prepare to close out the 1985-86 year they have sold 5200 cases of jelly for the Jaycee Burn Center, have raised \$193,000 dollars for Cistic Fibrosis, and \$65,000 dollars for Muscular Dystrophy statewide. The Jaycees have also contributed over \$29,000 dollars to the North Carolina Boys Home.

Also during Saturday's meeting Richard Copeland, President of the Perquimans County Jaycees was elected to the post of Regional Director for the coastal region, previously Copeland has served as a District Director. Mr. Gregg Biggs of the local chapter was also elected to the position of District Director.

The Edenton Jaycees won the award for the outstanding chapter in the district.

The Perquimans County Jaycees continue to be an active part of the community. They have several events planned for this spring including their annual Perquimans River Bass Tournament which is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information on the Bass Tournament contact Sara Winslow, Tournament Chairperson, or any Jaycee.

## Chef's spectacular scheduled in April

Get your tastebuds ready!

The local Chef's Spectacular is just around the corner. This year the annual event which is sponsored by the Perquimans County Extension Service and the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers will be held on Thursday, April 2nd at the Perquimans County Extension Office from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.. Cost for the event is \$2.00.

This year the Chef's Spectacular will include demonstrations by six of the county's best cooks.

Ruth Eure is an avid quilter and a wiz at whatever she undertakes. She is well known for her desserts and appetizers. Cakes and other desserts are her favorite to prepare. Mrs. Eure will be preparing her famous plain and cinnamon yeast rolls.

Betty Beers and Dina Hurdle a mother-daughter team will be demonstrating "Baklava" a fabulous Greek pastry. Betty gain her knowledge of greek cooking first hand from her husband John who is a first-generation Greek-American. Betty uses several greek cookbooks in preparing Greek foods for her family and friends. Some the family's favorite dishes include: Stuffed grape leaves, squash pita, and Leg of Lamb seasoned with oregano, cinnamon, lemon juice, butter, and lots of garlic. Betty also hints that her daughters Dina and Mary Lindsey are excellent breadmakers.

Chris Lane will also be on hand. From all accounts, Chris Lane is a "wonderful cook who is at home in her kitchen." She sees a complicated rec-

ipe as a challenge, that she usually conquers with great success. Chris enjoys entertaining, and is a wiz at pastries and heavy hors d'oeuvres which she often features when she entertains. Chris along with Pat Storie and Nan Noble recently demonstrated their success with food at the 1987 Chowan Hospital Ball where 316 feasted on heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert prepared by the trio. At the upcoming Local Chef's Spectacular Chris will demonstrate Pate' A Choux or puffed pastries, with meat and dessert fillings.

Emma Burke will also be involved with this year's event. Emma is the mother of eight who enjoys cooking all kinds of foods. She especially likes to prepare desserts and nutbreads, and she is well known for her creative use of pumpkin in fruitcakes and nutbreads.

Mrs. Buke will be demonstrating wok cookery which she became interested in from her daughter Carol. Carol is a Home Economist with the General Foods Corp. in Cranberry, N.J.

Ashley Edwards rounds out the chef's for this year's event. Ashley will be making poppy seed bread. Ashley became interested in cooking at an early age, and learned much about cooking from watching her sister Nancy. Ashley especially enjoys preparing sweetbreads because they make excellent gifts, and round out any meal beautifully.

Make plans now to attend this year's Local Chef's Spectacular. Call 426-7697 to register.

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